

Show me the Facts!

Get the County-Level Economic Information You Need Online

There she goes again. Your boss waltzes in your office and wants you to find the unemployment rate for XYZ County to use in a report she is writing. And, by the way, she needs the information yesterday. Googling yields old data or just plain weird web sites you don't trust. Where do you turn?

Fortunately, the Department of Workforce Services web site can ride to your rescue. Our site—jobs.utah.gov—includes a page for each of Utah's 29 counties. These pages are devoted to providing county-level economic and demographic information. (Check the bottom of this article for the entire link.)

Quick and Easy

For a quick start, there's a "fact sheet" for each county. You can see an example of Piute County's fact sheet right here. These fact sheets include frequently requested data items—population, job growth, unemployment rates, income, average wages, construction activity, sales, demographics, and (whew!) largest employers. For many items, the sheets detail five years of historical data. Plus, each fact sheet incorporates a narrative and charts describing that county's most recent annual economic performance.

Got Data?

Are you really a data hound? Do you want an historical perspective on your county? Just click on your county's Economic and Demographic Profile link. Here you'll find a set of graphs outlining important economic indicators and demographics. The graphs are available in PowerPoint and PDF formats. The PowerPoint slides also include comments from a regional economist. Finally, an Excel spreadsheet with historical data can also be downloaded.

There's More!

You can access so much county-level information via these web pages, we can't list it all. But, here's an abbreviated list to pique your interest:

- Detailed Employment Information
- Wages
- Income
- Poverty
- Occupational Outlook
- Equal Employment Opportunity data
- Economic Update (information on projects, new data, closures)
- Major Employers
- Workforce News newsletter (current economic analysis)
- Links to Other Data Sources

Finally, if you can't find the data you need or want, click on the link that allows you to contact the regional economist for that county. This economist is ready and willing to help you locate the information you need. ⓘ

To access this county-level information, go to: <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoCounties.do>

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